



Helpmate and Companion

A Sketch of Mrs. Alfred E. Smith



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PROBABLY few men in public or business life have had the undivided interest and help of their wives that has characterized the career of Alfred E. Smith. From the earliest days of their marriage to the present campaign for the highest office in the nation, Mrs. Smith has been at his shoulder ready at all times to aid or suggest in any way that would be of greatest benefit to her husband.

Almost thirty years ago Al Smith, then a young business man in South Street, on the lower tip of Manhattan Island, pedalled a bicycle all the way to the Bronx, paying court to Katie Dunn, who was a considerable factor in the musical life of that section. In those early days Katie Dunn was known for her sweet and sympathetic disposition, and a gracious charm and tact which was to stand her in such

good stead in the then unforeseen turbulence of the Democratic National Convention at Houston last summer, when her husband was nominated as a candidate for the presidency.

Among her intimate acquaintances and friends, Mrs. Smith's reputation as a modest and successful hostess is paramount. During the past summer, Mrs. Smith has received the adulations of throngs in many cities, but her poise and dignity remain as they have always been, simple and unaffected.

"Happy Warrior," and "Happy Wife," so this unusual couple are known to their friends. Those who have been fortunate enough to see Mrs. Smith as the First Lady of the state of New York, are confident, that, in the event of her husband's election to the presidency next November, she will carry on the same fine traditions in the White House.

